Four-laning of NH 215

543. MS. PRAM1LA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four-laning of the Panikoili-Rajamunda NH-215, connecting iron ore rich Keonjhar to Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex in Jajpur, is likely *to* be delayed;

(b) if so, the details with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the above stretch of road is accident prone area due to traffic congestion and the residents of Jajpur and Keonjhar have been demanding immediate four-laning of the NH for safety of life and property; and

(d) if so, the action plan of the Centre to expedite its completion bn a top-priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K..H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the increase in traffic and consequential congestion coupled with public demand, the four-laning NH 215 from Panikoili-Rajamunda has been included under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-IIIA of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). NHAI has already taken up the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the bids on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis will be invited after the necessary approval from Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPP AC).

(d) The tentative target date of completion of four-laning of NH 215 is December, 2010.

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†544. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Government since January, 2007, from Members of Parliament, Tuticorin Town Merchants Association, Tuticorin and other persons against the Chairman of Tuticorin Port Trust;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government on these complaints and when was it done; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi